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Here's how the Medicare discount drug card program is helping Arizona:

- Currently, there are over 729,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Arizona, 202,000 of whom do not have any prescription drug coverage.
- The Medicare Modernization Act includes the Transitional Assistance Program, which provides a \$600 credit per year in 2004 and 2005 for the purchase of prescription drugs to beneficiaries with incomes that are 135 percent (or below) the federal poverty level, provided that individuals do not have Medicaid or other drug coverage. CMS estimates 106,000 beneficiaries in Arizona will be eligible to participate in the Transitional Assistance Program.
- Arizona has a combined total of 45 individual drug cards (excluding special endorsements). This includes 39 national drug cards, 1 regional card, and 5 Medicare Advantage exclusive cards.

Four steps to assist you in selecting a Medicare discount drug card:

1. Complete the Personal Information Sheet before comparing discount drug cards. This will help you when answering questions on the phone or on the Internet.
2. Contact CMS either via the phone or the Internet

Via Phone – 1-800-MEDICARE
1-800-633-4227

Dial CMS and walk through your options with a trained CMS staff member. TTY users should dial 1-877-486-2048.

Via the Internet

Visit www.medicare.gov and select "Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs". If you have questions, contact CMS at the number listed.

3. Compare cards and find the one that best meets your needs. Look for the Medicare-approved seal. Remember, you can have only one Medicare-approved discount card and if eligible, the \$600 credit can only be applied to a Medicare-approved discount card.



4. Enroll by completing an enrollment form or by contacting the plan on the telephone.

The following Prescription Drug Discount Cards are available in Arizona:

National Drug Cards and Enrollment Fees

aClaim RxSavings Club	\$30.00	Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option B)	\$30.00
AARP Prescription Discount Card	\$19.95	PrecisionDiscounts	\$0.00
Aetna Rx Savings Card (SM)	\$30.00	PrecisionDiscounts	\$30.00
American Advantage-Med	\$30.00	Preferred Prescription Discount Card	\$25.00
American Prescription Plan	\$30.00	Prescription Discount Card	\$25.00
America's Pharmacy, powered by MedImpact	\$0.00	PSP Prescription Drug Discount Card	\$30.00
Argus Rx	\$30.00	Rx Savings Access Card	\$30.00
BD Advantage Drug Discount Card	\$10.00	RxSavings	\$29.95
Community Care Rx	\$30.00	RxSavings distributed by Mennonite Mutual Aid Association	\$29.95
Criterion Advantage	\$30.00	RxSavings distributed by Reader's Digest	\$29.95
EnvisionRx Plus	\$30.00	Sav-Rx Med-Advantage Prescription Discount Card	\$20.00
Express Scripts (Option A)	\$19.00	ScripSolutions Choice	\$14.95
Express Scripts (Option B)	\$30.00	ScripSolutions Freedom	\$0.00
InStil Health Solutions	\$30.00	ScriptSave Plus	\$30.00
Liberty, A PolyMedica Company	\$0.00	ScriptSave Premier	\$0.00
myPharmaCare	\$25.00	SXC Health Solutions, Inc.	\$30.00
NationsHealth Prescription Drug Discount Card	\$0.00	The Pharmacy SmartCard	\$30.00
NationsHealth Prescription Drug Discount Card	\$30.00	Ushare	\$19.95
PBM Plus Senior Care	\$30.00	Walgreens Health Initiatives Prescription Discount Drug Card	\$20.00
Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option A)	\$19.00		

Regional Drug Card and Enrollment Fee

Senior Priority	\$30.00
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Medicare Advantage Exclusive Cards¹ – no enrollment fees

Exclusive Cards	# of Plans	Exclusive Cards	# of Plans
Health Net of Arizona, Inc.	10	Humana Health Plan, Inc.	3
Health Net Life Insurance Company	4	Humana Insurance Company	3
Pacificare of Arizona, Inc.	4		

Special Endorsement Cards (Long-Term Care) and Enrollment Fees

Community Care Rx	\$30.00	LTC Card	\$30.00
Criterion Advantage	\$30.00	PBM Plus Senior Care	\$30.00

Special Endorsement Cards (I/T/U Pharmacy) and Enrollment Fees

¹ Medicare Advantage Exclusive Cards are offered in connection with a plan's Medicare benefit and cannot be purchased if one does not participate with the carrier.

Community Care Rx	\$30.00	Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option A)	\$19.00
Criterion Advantage	\$30.00	Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option B)	\$30.00

A member of Senator Kyl's staff who specializes in health care issues has compared the Medicare RX card benefits, using various zip codes and drugs, and has found that at least one card in every area has compared favorably in terms of savings to all other currently available cards in every area. If you would like help to locate the best card for you and your drugs, please contact Jane Grace at 602-840-8196.